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GREENSBORO' MISS., Sept. 18, 1858.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. J. R. Golding, from Rom. 4: 25—"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." The Moderator, Eld. Jas. T. Fox, being absent, Bro. Golding was chosen Moderator *pro tem*, who called the Association to order. Brethren G. L. Jennings and Henry Fox were appointed reading Clerks. Letters from the Churches were read and their condition recorded. Pe- titionary letters were called for. Letters were received from Pleasant Ridge and Pilgrim's Rest Churches, praying admission into this body. The pe- titions were granted and the right hand of Fellowship extended to the dele- gates. The Association proceeded to elect its officers: Eld. J. R. Gold- ing was elected *Moderator*, T. B. Dalton, *Clerk*, and Henry Fox, *Treasurer*, brethren Smith and Granberry acting as Tellers.

Corresponding letters were called for. Eld. Elijah Smith and James Harmon, bearing a letter from Columbus Association were received as mes- sengers, and took their seats. Eld. Silas Dobbs, brethren J. A. Cook and H. H. Morgan, bearing a letter from Louisville Association, were wel- comed to seats as messengers. Yallobusha Association, Moses Granberry, Yazoo Association, Eld. C. C. Lee. State Convention, Eld. R. J. Alcorn and Moses Granberry.

On motion, all Baptist ministers present were invited to seats in the as- sociation.

The moderator announced the following committees: On Preaching Isham P. Trotter, J. R. Corbett, with the Deacons of Greensboro Church On the Spiritual condition of the Churches, A. G. Young, J. J. Fox, and Elder J. C. Butts. To arrange the business of the Association, D. N. Quimm, E. J. Hardin, J. C. Batts, and B. Watson. On Nominations, A. R. Gooch, W. N. Pitman, and S. G. Hunter. Finance, Samuel E. Park- er, C. F. Roberts and H. F. Bays. Obituaries, Isham P. Trotter, M. Gran- berry, E. W. Norris, and J. J. Fox.

The Committee on Preaching made their report for to-night and to-mor- row, after which they adjourned until 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

Prayer by Bro. Norris.

Carterton *affectionata*

Sabbath Exercises.

Eld. A. W. Chambliss preached to a large and attentive congregation in the Methodist Church. Theme—the provision and ~~affection~~ of the attainment. Eld. A. C. ~~Chambliss~~ preaches in the Baptist Church, to a crowded house with much warmth and ability.

Collections were taken up at the close of each of the sermons at 11 o'clock and liberal amounts contributed at each place.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 O'Clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Chambliss. Read the minutes of Saturday and adopted them.

On motion, returned correspondence as follows: Yazoo Association meets with County Line Church, Friday before the 2d Sabbath in September 1859: J. T. Fox, J. R. Golding, A. R. Gooch, and G. L. Jennings. Columbus meets Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1859, with Prairie Grove Church, near Crawfordsville: J. C. Butts, T. B. Dalton, G. L. Jennings and F. B. Campbell. Aberdeen meets in Aberdeen Square before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1859: G. L. Jennings, T. B. Dalton, S. G. Hunter and Isaac Faulkner. Louisville meets same time with Mount Carmel Church: A. N. Burns, J. D. McCarthy and B. L. Williams. Yalobusha, J. T. Fox, A. Stoker, W. K. Aldridge, and G. L. Jennings.—State Convention: J. R. Golding, E. J. Hardin, D. N. Quinn, G. L. Jennings, Samuel O. Waldin, and J. T. Fox.

Committee on Arrangements made their report, which was adopted as the order of business.

Bro. David H. Dobbs was welcomed as a messenger from Louisville as association, and took his seat.

On motion, dispensed with a report on Foreign Missions for the present year. Further time was given the Committee on Sabbath Schools to report. The Delegates from Mulberry Church, were given an opportunity to explain the position of the Church in reference to a pledge of 40 dollars which appeared in the minutes of 1855, for missions, and redeemable in 1856; which explanation was satisfactory, and the Church was exonerated from any liability in the premises.

The Association took a recess of one hour, and partook of an excellent dinner that was bountifully furnished and prepared on the ground.

1 O'Clock, P. M.

The association resumed its business. The late Agent of Book Depository, our esteemed brother, A. B. Hicks, having been formally announced as being no more, Eld. J. C. Butts made the report on Book Depository, which was received and adopted. [See Appendix "A."] Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix B.] Reports from District meetings were made. On motion appointed the following brethren to write the corresponding letters, viz: To Yazoo, A. R. Gooch; Columbus, J. C. Butts; Aberdeen,

G. L. Jennings; Louisville, A. N. Burns; Yalobusha, G. L. Jennings; State Convention, J. T. Fox. Report on Sabbath Schools read, received and adopted. [See Appendix C.]

Report on Finance adopted. [See Appendix D.] The following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, Disunion and discussion in the body of God's people is ever to be a deploitable calamity which it behooves all the lovers of Christ to avert and by all proper means to heal where it exists. Therefore

Resolved, That J. R. Golding, D. N. Quinn, J. C. Butts, J. L. Jennings, Wm. Carson and E. J. Hardin, be, and they are hereby appointed our delegates to meet with said association to bear these ~~resolutions~~ and receive their response.

Report on obituaries, consisting of an obituary of Eld. A. B. Hicks was adopted. [See Appendix E.] On motion of T. B. Dalton,

Resolved, That we congratulate our brethren upon the successful establishment of our state organ, the "Mississippi Baptist," and ourselves and our brethren of our State and elsewhere, upon the ability, fidelity and Christian courtesy which have characterized the paper under the direction of its Editor and proprietor; and that we will extend to the enterprise all the encouragement in our power.

Report on nominations read and received, and after remarks by bro. Granberry, was adopted. [See Appendix F.]

Appointed District meetings as follows: 1st District, at Harmony Church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1859: Eld. J. M. Reid to preach the introductory sermon, J. C. Butts alternate. 2nd District, at Midway, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1859: G. L. Jennings to preach the introductory sermon, and J. L. Jennings alternate. On motion, allowed the clerk fifteen dollars for his services—that he superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he order 80 copies printed.

On motion appointed, J. W. E. Spencer and D. N. Quinn, Superintendents of theok Depository.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren and citizens round Greensboro', for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our session.

Resolved, That any member of the association visiting any of our corresponding bodies being present with a copy of our minutes may present himself as a messenger from this body.

Resolved, That the abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum be appended to this minutes.

Resolved, That the association now adjourn to meet with Double Springs Church on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1859.

The brethren then joined in a sweet song, after which prayer was offered by Bro. Johnson.

J. R. GOLDING, Moderator.

T. B. DALTON, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

Report on Book Depository.

Agent Book Depository would make the following report:
Amount books on hand October 1st, 1857,

"	"	Sold in the year 1858,	\$110 73
"	"	Sent M. J. Harleys,	\$4 60
			21 63

Leaving amount Books on hand, Sept. 18, 1858, \$84 50
Hicks, Brown & Co. due Depository Oct. 1st, 1857, \$8 20
Amount Books sold, 1858, 4 60

Hicks, Spence & Co., due Depository, \$12 80

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BUTTS.

APPENDIX B.

Report of Committee on the state of Churches.

Your Committee on the state of the Churches beg leave to report; That, from an examination of the letters the Churches in our bounds are in a healthy and growing condition, as evidence of which we may mention that there is a gain in our bounds, (leaving out the churches from which we have no report,) of 321. Some of the Churches, it is true, report no increase, but say they are at peace, and brotherly love prevails.

But whilst the Lord has been blessing us by the out-pouring of His free Spirit, we must say that the Churches are sadly deficient as regards their duty in supporting the Ministry, and in contributing to the Mission Cause. "God hath ordained that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel," whilst this is true we know that the Churches have not obeyed in this thing, but in justice to all, we must say, that the Ministry are not altogether blameless in this matter as they have failed to bring this part of the truth forward as it deserves.

May the Lord help us to forsake every error, and fully discharge every duty that devolves on us as ministers, churches and individuals.

Respectfully submitted.

A. G. YOUNG, Chairman.

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APPENDIX C.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee, to whom this subject was referred, beg leave to report; From the information we have received, we are happy to say there is an evidence of an increased interest with regard to this subject, there having been, in addition to those reported last year, Sabbath Schools organized at the following churches: Greensboro', Fellowship and Springhill, some of which are progressing admirably. Could we impress the necessity of Sabbath Schools, in a few words, forcibly upon you, it might be advisable, but we trust you have seen enough of the good results thereof, to stir up your pure minds to faithful action without delay. Brethren awake! to your interest and the good; yes the eternal welfare, of your children, your neighbors and their children, and organize Sabbath Schools at every Church; impart truth to your children, while susceptible of the most lasting impressions and God bless your efforts is the the prayer of

Your Committee,

J. C. BUTTS.

APPENDIX D.

Report on Finance.

Your Committee beg leave to report:

Money Received for Minutes	.....	\$62 00
Home Mission,.....	.....	42 57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Foreign Mission,.....	.....	48 92 $\frac{1}{2}$
Missions,.....	.....	8 60
Collected on Sabbath,.....	.....	28 45
Bible Board,.....	.....	5 55
Returned by Clerk, Minute Money, 1857,.....	.....	4 40
Total Amount,.....	.....	\$203 50

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL E. PARKER, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

Report on Obituaries.

WHEREAS, in the wise Providence of Almighty God our beloved Brother, Elder A. B. HICKS, who has long been a faithful minister among us, and whose labors of love have been abundantly blessed to the edification and instruction of the church and as a means in calling sinners from darkness to light; has been removed by death from the responsibilities and cares of an active life to his reward;

Therefore Resolved, That in the person of Elder A. B. Hicks, the Church has lost an able and efficient gospel minister—the county a correct, upright

and exemplary citizen, and society an active, benevolent and useful member whose orderly walk and godly conversation exerted a salutary influence on all around, but we bow with reverence and humble submission to the belief of him whose dealings are right and whose wisdom is past finding out.

Resolved. That we deeply sympathize with his bereaved wife and orphaned children in the irreparable loss they have sustained, and tender them the best wishes of our hearts and hope that through faith in him, who is a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, they will sustain themselves under this trying dispensation of divine Providence, remembering that behind a frowning Providence, he hides a smiling face, and may temporal comfort and happiness be their fortune in life and a happy reunion with the departed their portion in the land of the blessed.

In a word, he was a beacon of light and a wall of strength to his flock. Of great personal influence, he seemed but little conscious of his own worth. He was not of a disputatious spirit, but was always ready to give a reason for his faith, as well as hope. He was a bold and manly debater, and fortunately for him, in his discussions, he did not have to deal with any, as far as we have learned, that sought to change issues and leave the merits of the question and prey on private character.

God's hand seems to be on us. Let us humble ourselves, as a denomination in his sight, and pray him to send more laborers into the vineyard. Bro. Hicks has doubtless received an "abundant entrance" in the kingdom.

To his beloved companion we can only say, weep and let us weep with you, beloved of a noble heart, but let us not mourn as those that have no hope. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their words do follow them."

ISHAM P. TROTTER, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on nominations beg leave to report:

To preach Introductory Sermon, E. J. Harlin, J. R. Golding, alternate;

Annual Missionary Sermon, J. T. Fox, J. C. Butts, alternate.

To Write on Domestic Missions, Thomas Fox.

To Write on Foreign Missions, J. T. Fox.

To Write on Bible Cause, J. R. Golding.

To Write on Sabbath Schools, G. L. Jennings.

TRUSTEES FOR YALOBUSHA FEMALE INSTITUTE.

J. R. Golding.

E. D. Edwards,

T. Fox,

A. Peebles,

Wm. Harrod,

Isham P. Trotter,

S. E. Parker,

M. White,

J. T. Fox,

J. R. Corbett,

A. Q. Pittman,

T. B. Dalton.

J. C. Butts,

H. Loggins,

A. G. Young,

G. L. Jennings,

A. R. Geoch,

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. HUNTER, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

Abstract of Faith, of the Zion Baptist Association.

ART. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.—Deut. 6. 4; Mark 12, 29; John 5, 7.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3, 16; Rom. 10, 18.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ, before the foundation of the world.—Eph. 1, 4, 5 and 11; 2 Thes. 2, 13; Rom. 9, 11 and 11, 5.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Psalms 51, 5; Rom. 7, 14, 17.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.—Rom. 9, 16; John 6, 44.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.—Isaiah 54, 17; Rom. 4, 3.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.—John, 10, 16; 1 Thes. 2, 12; John 17, 2; 1 Cor. 6, 11.

ART. 8. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.—Col. 3, 3; 1 Pet. 1, 5.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that by immersion is the Apostolic mode.—Math. 28, 19 and 26, 27; Col. 2, 12; Rom. 6, 5.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—John 5, 20, 28; 2 Cor. 5, 10; Math. 26, 46.

ART. 11. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly baptised, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery.—Eph. 4, 5; 1 Cor. 9, 16; Acts 14, 23; 1 Tim. 4, 14.

ART. 12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.—Acts 2, 41, 42.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTY.	P. O.
Maibury	M. Morris, Isham P. Trotter, J. R. Freeman	Choctaw	Lodi
Pl'nt Grove Ch'k	J. L. Jennings†, Isaac Franklin	Chickasaw	Hohenlindon
Harmony	S. E. Parker, F. C. Roberts, A. N. Burns	Choctaw	Stateland
Bethel	W. P. Cook, W. Carr, J. J. Fox	Conboma	Slate Spring
Bethany	J. T. Fox*, A. G. Young, H. Fox	Choctaw	"
Wakeforest	T. B. Dalton, H. S. Spikes	Chickasaw	Dalton
Greensboro	J. M. Reid†, F. B. Campbell, T. Clark	Choctaw	Greensboro
Fellowship	J. C. Batt†, B. Watson, D. N. Quinn	"	Belle Fontain
Mount Pleasant	D. S. Kelton, S. G. Hafer	Choctaw	Dalton
Philadelphia	J. R. Golding†, E. J. Hardin†, W. N. Pitman	Chickasaw	Cadaretta
Pl'nt Grove Choc	C. D. Kent, S. J. Gooch*, A. R. Gooch	Choctaw	Kilmicheal
Double Springs	Wm. Carson†, G. L. Jennings†	"	Fame
Pleasant Ridge	H. W. Brasher, G. W. Gallic	Calhoun	Sarepta
Midway	G. W. Howard	"	Erin
Rocky Mount	L. Murphree	Choctaw	Sarepta
Shiloh	J. W. Kirk, J. M. Dunn, A. Stoker	"	Lodi
Mount Zion	James Bays, H. F. Bays, Y. Tison	Calhoun	Greensboro
Pleasant Hill	T. J. Flemming	Choctaw	Short Branch
Pilgrimage Rest	P. R. Johnson, W. L. Johnson	Calhoun	Greensboro
Providence	W. T. Therrell, S. O. Welding	"	Benela
Spring Hill	J. T. Johnson†, M. A. Burson	Calhoun	Hopewell
Macedonia	No Letter	"	"
Hopewell	"	"	"
Mount Moriah	"	"	"

Absentees marked *; Ordained Ministers †; Licensed Ministers ‡.

APPENDIX H.

P. O.		Letter.	Reg. & Co.	Registered.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Dead.	Col'd Mem.	Whites.	Total.	Money for Minutes	U. inven't'g's	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions	Bible cause.	PASTORS.
di.		4	0	5	32	46	78		4.50	3	15.50	15.50				J. R. Golding
henlindon.		1	2	3	12	97	109	3.00	3.00	3	1.00	1.00			J. C. Butts	
teland.		1	0	3	1	11	51	62	3.00	1	2.00	2.00			J. R. Golding	
te Spring.		6	0	8	2	8	76	84	2.50	2	1.85	1.85			J. T. Fox	
ton.		6	0	1	3	8	118	121	4.00	2	8.62	8.62			"	
ensboro.		10	2	7	4	1	135	136	3.00	2					W. W. Finley	
e Fontaine.		8	2	16	1	1	8	117	125	4.00	3	6.85	6.85		J. T. Fox	
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nicheal.		6	0	1	1	0	0	54	54	2.00	1				J. C. Butts	
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pta.		2	0	3	0	0	4	36	40	3.00	2	1.50	1.50		C. C. Lea	
pta.		2	4	1	1	4	84	88	3.00	2	1.12	1.13			J. C. Butts	
nsboro.		2	0	5	1	1	5	105	110	3.00	4	2.00	2.00		Josiah Winter	
nsboro.		3	2	6	0	0	0	66	66	2.00	1				R. W. Thompson	
t Branch.		9	3	2	2	0	10	83	93	3.00	4				J. Martin	
nsboro.		1	2	0	0	0	4	24	28	1.50	4				G. Woodruff	
a.		5	0	4	2	1	0	31	31	1.50	3				B. Watson	
well.		7	0	0	0	0	0	46	46	2.50	2				J. T. Johnson	
		13	1	4	1	1	7	64	64	3.00	1				J. M. Reid	
		6	0	2	5	1	3	70	70	3.50	4	2.15	0.00	25	W. W. Finley	
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APPENDIX I.

RULES OF DECORUM.

CHURCH

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer ; a Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order any time.
3. A member not satisfied with the decision of the Moderator, may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.
4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet obtaining permission, shall proceed.
5. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.
6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he de parle on the subject or use words of personal reflection.
7. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing full time for debate, the Moderator, shall take the vote of the Association on the subject, by yeas and nays, or otherwise, as the Association may direct, and announce the decision forthwith.
10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the Association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak shall have spoken ; nor shall any proposition be closed the subject, until the debate has been carried through.
12. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their address to one another.
13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
15. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during his absence, but shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be divided.
16. Any member violating these rules shall be reprobated by the Association at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.